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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, FJ, NZ

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TONGA DESIGNATION OF SPIA

REF: STATE 229567

1. THOUGH I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT ON US/TONGA/WESTERN SAMOA CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SPIA'S POTENTIALLY GREATER COMPETITION FOR POLYNESIAN AIRLINES IS OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE THERE HAS BEEN VARYING DEGREES OF FRICTION BETWEEN GWS AND GOVERNMENT OF TONGA OVER INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. GWS MAY SEE THIS LATEST MOVE BY SPIA AND GOT AS SOME SORT OF JOINING OF FORCES WHICH COULD BE INIMICAL TO POLYNESIAN AIRLINES.

2. I WILL BE IN APIA ON OCTOBER 9 TO 12 ON MY SEMI-ANNUAL OFFICIAL VISIT. I WILL REPORT ANY INFORMATION I MIGHT DEVELOP ON THE REASON FOR GWS'S REPORTED RESERVATION. IN THIS REGARD- I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION WHICH THE DEPARTMENT FEELS MIGHT BE USEFUL.

3. MY TRAVEL PLANS NOW INCLUDE A STOP IN AMERICAN SAMOA ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 12. I WILL BE PLEASED TO REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR ANY CONVERSATIONS I HAVE IN APIA ON

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THIS. IN THIS REGARD, I WOULD APPRECIATE WELLINGTON AND

SUVA BEING INCLUDED FOR INFORMATION GAS REPLY TO REFTEL.  
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